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There is that word again "safe"... :)

Just wanted you to see what we all see.

Sincerely,
Jennifer

PS. Patrick, I am still waiting for the even number pages from the document you sent me with only the odd number pages, about the use of .2ug. Just a reminder if you forgot :)

****This email was sent on behalf of Superintendent Lyon.****

Statement from the Superintendent

Yesterday afternoon, the District received a letter from EPA Region IX outlining its preliminary review of the air testing conducted at Malibu High School in December 2013, and the EPA reports that the air samples are well within health thresholds set by the EPA. The letter also specified steps that the EPA wants the District to take, and which we intend to implement, to address aging window caulk across the campus. I can confirm that the District will direct Environ, the environmental engineering firm recently retained by the Board of Education, to create a plan to address this issue.

It is our goal to answer questions regarding health concerns at the Malibu campus with data and expert analysis, and today we now have heard from experts at the EPA that the air in rooms of concern and subsequently tested are safe; however, we know that our work is not yet complete. The EPA's directions focus on Malibu High School, but I want to stress that I am keenly aware that we made promises to the staff at Juan Cabrillo Elementary School to conduct testing on that campus; we shall.

The District will direct Environ to work with these expert observations and directions to develop next steps, and we thank the scientific experts at EPA for guiding our District through this set of emotional and challenging questions.

I am hopeful that our continued efforts to access and rely on scientific experts will help build confidence in our commitment to answer honestly the questions that people have and to build confidence that our Board of Education is committed to ensure that all employees and students attend school in safe and healthy learning environments.

For your information, I attached the letter from the EPA.

Respectfully,

Sandra Lyon

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